



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
FIRE LOCAL BOARD OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)**

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Meeting Held Electronically

PRESENT: Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
Steve Springborn, Elected Member
Todd Cavner, Elected Member

ABSENT: Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head
Ken Strobeck, Citizen Member

STAFF: Alena Sampson, PSPRS Local Board Secretary, Senior HR Analyst-Fire
Darlene Ganger, Senior HR Benefits Analyst
Autumn Asmus, Management Analyst

GUESTS: Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney

Call to Order

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Possible Executive Session

1. Authorization of appointment of Autumn Asmus as PSPRS Fire Local Board Secretary

Ms. Sampson announced that she is leaving her position with the City and Ms. Asmus will replace her as the Board secretary.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF AUTUMN ASMUS AS THE PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD SECRETARY. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS CAVNER AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – October 21, 2021

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 21, 2021 PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS CAVNER AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Firefighters into PSPRS, if any

There were no new inductees.

4. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Fire Engineer Chad M. Hopkins

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION THROUGH ONE OF THE BOARD'S CONTRACTED MEDICAL PROVIDERS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEDICAL SPECIALISTS TO SERVE AS THE MEDICAL BOARD FOR THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIRE ENGINEER CHAD M. HOPKINS, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT MORE THAN ONE SPECIALIST CAN APPOINTED AS NECESSARY TO EVALUATE ALL ASPECTS OF HIS INJURY. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS CAVNER AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) termination and Normal Retirement Application of Fire Captain Jeff R. Perry

Ms. Sampson noted that Fire Captain Jeff R. Perry entered the DROP on October 30, 2016 with 25.002 years of service. He retired on October 29, 2021. His monthly benefit is \$4,968.97. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIRE CAPTAIN JEFF R. PERRY. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS CAVNER AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Captain Perry for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

6. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) termination and Normal Retirement Application of Fire Chief Deputy James D. Ford

Ms. Sampson noted that Fire Chief Deputy James D. Ford entered the DROP on June 22, 2019 with 20.062 years of service. He will retire on November 29, 2021. His monthly benefit is \$5,812.24. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIRE CHIEF DEPUTY JAMES D. FORD. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS CAVNER AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Chief Deputy Ford for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

7. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) Application of Fire Captain Jeffrey A. Abts

Ms. Sampson noted that Fire Captain Jeffrey A. Abts entered the Drop on September 9, 2021 with 25.188 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$6,227.26. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP APPLICATION OF FIRE CAPTAIN JEFFREY A. ABTS. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS CAVNER AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

8. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) Application of Fire Engineer Michael Walsh

Ms. Sampson noted that Fire Engineer Michael Walsh entered the drop September 25, 2021 with 25.151 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$4,808.53. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP APPLICATION OF FIRE ENGINEER MICHAEL WALSH. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS CAVNER AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

9. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers, if any

There were no recently completed service transfers.

10. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

Chair Meraz thanked Ms. Sampson for her hard work and commitment to the Board and wished her well in future endeavors.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS CAVNER AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

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